

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A water supply assembly ~~of~~for a washing machine, comprising:

~~a detergent box assembly in a cabinet to communicate positioned in communication with a tub of the washing machine;~~

~~a water supply valve assembly provided higher than configured to control a supply of water to the detergent box assembly, wherein the water supply valve assembly is positioned above the detergent box assembly to control a passage of water flowing inside; and~~

~~a hose provided slant-configured to connect the detergent box assembly to the water supply valve assembly, wherein the hose is oriented at a downward slant from the water supply valve assembly to the detergent box assembly based on a relative vertical positioning of the water supply valve assembly and the detergent box assembly, and wherein the detergent box assembly is provided under a top plate of the washing machine and the water supply valve assembly is provided over the top plate.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim [[3]]1, wherein the water supply valve assembly is provided in a control panel positioned on the top plate.

4. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, wherein the water supply valve assembly comprisingcomprises:

a holder configured to be positioned on an upper surface of the top plate; and
a valve fixedconfigured to be coupled to the holder and to be connected to the hose.

5. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein the valve is arranged at a slant to have one such that a side of the valve connected to the hose is positioned lower than the other opposite side of the valve.

6. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim 4, wherein the holder comprisingcomprises:

a board having one face configured to be coupled to which the valve is fixed; and
first and second flanges extending from aopposite lower side sides of the board in both side directions, respectively to the mounted on, wherein the first and second flanges are configured to be coupled to the upper surface of the top plate.

7. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the board includes a ~~slant~~ face ~~so oriented at a slant such that one~~ ~~a~~ side of the valve connected to the hose is ~~mounted positioned~~ lower than ~~the other~~ ~~an opposite~~ side of the valve.

8. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first flange is configured to be fitted to a bracket of the top plate and the second flange is configured to be screwed or bolted to the top plate.

9. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the bracket of the top plate includes a bracket protruding protrudes upward from the top plate for slip fit engagement of the first flange.

10. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim 9, wherein the bracket is provided configured to enclose corners of the first flange.

11. (Currently Amended) The water supply assembly as claimed in claim 8, wherein the top plate ~~comprising: a~~ comprises an angled cut-away portion ~~cut angled~~; and a bracket having wherein a portion neighboring to of the bracket proximate the cut-away portion protrude protrudes upward for slip fit engagement of the first flange.

Amdt. dated August 16, 2006

Reply to Office Action of May 16, 2006

12. (Currently Amended) A washing machine, comprising:

a cabinet having an upper side thereof covered with a top plate;

a tub provided in the cabinet;

a drum ~~rotatably~~ provided in the tub;

a detergent box assembly provided in the cabinet ~~to communicate~~ in communication with the tub;

a water supply valve assembly ~~provided~~ higher than ~~positioned above~~ the detergent box assembly and configured to control a supply of water to the detergent box assembly, wherein the water supply valve is configured to be connected to the detergent box assembly via by a hose provided which is oriented at a slant, the water supply valve assembly controlling a passage of water flowing inside ~~based on a relative positioning of the water supply assembly and the detergent box assembly, and wherein the detergent box assembly is provided under the top plate of the washing machine and the water supply valve assembly is provided over the top plate;~~

a drain assembly provided in the cabinet ~~to communicate~~ in communication with the tub and configured to discharge the water ~~in~~ from the tub to outside the washing machine; and

a control panel provided on the cabinet and configured to receive at least one control component.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 12, wherein the control panel is provided on the top plate.

15. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 14, wherein the water supply valve assembly is provided in the control panel.

16. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim [[13]] 12, wherein the water supply valve assembly comprisingcomprises:

a holder positioned on an upper surface of the top plate; and

a valve fixed-configured to be coupled to the holder and to be connected to the hose.

17. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the valve is arranged-positioned at a slant to have one, with a side of the valve configured to be connected to the hose positioned lower than the other-an opposite side of the valve.

18. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 16, wherein the holder comprisingcomprises:

a board having one-a face configured to be coupled to which the valve is fixed; and

Amtd. dated August 16, 2006

Reply to Office Action of May 16, 2006

first and second flanges extending from ~~a~~opposite lower ~~side~~sides of the board ~~in both~~ side directions, ~~respectively to the mounted on~~, each configured to be coupled to the upper surface of the top plate.

19. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 18, wherein the ~~face of the board includes a slant face so is slanted such that one~~a side of the valve configured to be connected to the hose is ~~mounted~~positioned lower than ~~the other~~an opposite side of the valve.

20. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first flange is ~~fitted~~configured to be coupled to a bracket of the top plate and the second flange is configured to be screwed or bolted to the top plate.

21. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ~~bracket of the top plate includes a bracket protruding~~protrudes upward ~~from the top plate~~ for slip fit engagement of the first flange.

22. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 21, wherein the bracket is ~~provided~~configured to enclose corners of the first flange.

Amtd. dated August 16, 2006

Reply to Office Action of May 16, 2006

23. (Currently Amended) The washing machine as claimed in claim 19, wherein the top plate ~~comprising~~comprises:

~~a~~an angled cut-away portion ~~cut angled~~; and

a bracket ~~having~~, wherein a portion ~~neighboring to of the bracket adjacent~~ the cut-away portion ~~protrude~~protrudes upward from the top plate for slip fit engagement of the first flange.